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1. During the first two weeks of Sep 53 combined maneuvers were held in the area north of Lake Balaton. The objective of the maneuvers was to determine the possible validity of a Yugoslav attack from the area of Ietenye through Keszthely, Zalaegerszeg to Veszprém, and the means of defense against such an attack.
2. The "Green" force in the south had two divisions; the "Red" force in the north had one division in the beginning, two more later. All told, about 50,000 men took part in the maneuver.
3. General headquarters were in Devecser; one side had its headquarters in Zalaegerszeg, later in Keszthely, the other in Veszprém and Nagyvácszony.
4. The maneuver began with a heavy attack by the Greens, opposed by armored units, artillery and motorized rifle formations from the area of Pápa and Veszprém. The Reds were adjudged to have won the maneuver in the area of Balatonederics and Sümeg.
5. The Hungarian Air Force participated with fighters and fighter-bombers. There were no Soviet troops present, only officer-observers.

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